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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590



Re: Defect Information Report; Vehicles Equipped with
Certain Refrigerators Manufactured by Dometic Corporation

Dear Valued Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

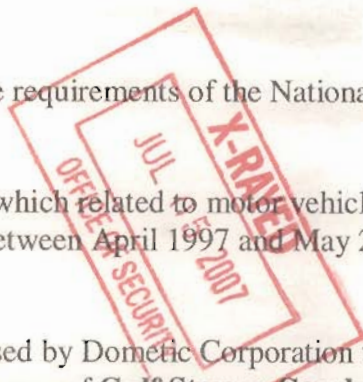
Dometic Corporation has decided that a defect which related to motor vehicle safety exists on some of the refrigerators that it manufactured between April 1997 and May 2003 for installation in recreational vehicles.

Gulf Stream Coach Inc. has been advised by Dometic Corporation that certain Dometic refrigerators installed as original equipment in some of **Gulf Stream Coach Inc.** recreational vehicles may contain a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety because they may experience a leak of pressurized coolant solution which can result in a vehicle fire under certain specific circumstances. On the basis of that Dometic determination, **Gulf Stream Coach Inc.** has decided that there may be a potential safety defect in its vehicles equipped with the identified refrigerators, and we are therefore submitting the enclosed Defect Information Report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 1-888-446-5157.

Sincerely,

Gulf Stream Coach Inc.





RE: Dometic Refrigerator Recall

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Dometic Corporation has decided that a defect which related to motor vehicle safety exists on some of the refrigerators that it manufactured between April 1997 and May 2003 for installation in recreational vehicles.

The Problem:

A fatigue crack can develop in the boiler tube of the identified refrigerators, which can permit the release of pressurized coolant solution. If this solution is exposed to an ignition source under certain specific circumstances, it can result in a vehicle fire.

Affected Units:

The potentially affected refrigerators have the following model numbers:
NDR1062, RM2652, RM2662, RM2663, RM2852, RM2862, RM3662, RM3663, RM3862, RM3863

The possibly affected units have serial numbers beginning with the following combinations:

- 713xxxxx through 752xxxxx
- 801xxxxx through 852xxxxx
- 901xxxxx through 952xxxxx
- 001xxxxx through 052xxxxx
- 101xxxxx through 152xxxxx
- 201xxxxx through 252xxxxx
- 301xxxxx through 319xxxxx

If you own one of the above units, it requires immediate service and continuing use could pose a potential safety hazard.

How Do I Know If My Refrigerator Is Being Recalled?

- 1) Find your refrigerator's model and serial numbers by opening the refrigerator door and looking for the sticker attached to the side wall of the interior. See the photo instructions included in this mailing for the exact location of the sticker.
- 2) Call **1-888-446-5157** or go to **www.DometicUSA.com** to confirm if your refrigerator is affected by the recall.

What To Do:

1) Turn the refrigerator off immediately if you notice any of the following indicators:

- Leakage or staining at the back of the refrigerator.
- Yellow residue at the back or sides of the refrigerator.
- The smell of ammonia.
- Refrigerator does not properly cool.

Any unit found to have one or more of the characteristics mentioned above MUST be shut down and not operated until the unit is fixed and the recall rework administered.

For any unit that does fall within the recall population, but does not exhibit any of the four indicators mentioned in #1, consider the following:

- 2) Do not operate your refrigerator on LP gas. Switching to electric power lowers the incident rate associated with LP gas. If you own a 3-way refrigerator, running the unit on 12-volt power carries the least risk of all. 3-way refrigerators have model numbers that end in "3".

Dometic recommends that the unit not be operated on electric unless absolutely necessary until your unit has been serviced. **If you choose to operate your unit on electric prior to the recall rework, you must inspect the burner area weekly for any of the indicators referenced in number 1 above.**

- 3) Dometic recommends that you turn off the gas valve at the back of your refrigerator. **DO NOT**, however, attempt to disconnect the gas supply. Instructions on how to turn off the gas valve are included in this envelope.
- 4) If you must operate your refrigerator on electric, **DO NOT** operate your refrigerator while in transit or while occupants are asleep.
- 5) The rework kit will be available on April 16, 2007. At that time, call your preferred service center to set up an appointment. For help in locating a service center, or for the most up-to-date recall information, call 1-888-446-5157.

Please do not simply go to a dealer or service center without an appointment, since some facilities will not be performing this work, and the ones that are doing the work will need to obtain the appropriate parts from us. Please bring this letter with you at the time of your scheduled service.

- 6) If the repair facility fails or is unable to rework this noncompliance without charge and within a reasonable time, please contact us at the number provided above so we can attempt to resolve the problem. You may also submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

- 7) If you previously paid to repair or replace a Dometic refrigerator that failed due to this defect, you can be reimbursed for your costs pursuant to Dometic's Pre-Notification Reimbursement Program. To be eligible for reimbursement under that Program, you must complete and submit the required form and provide the necessary documentation. The Program and form can be obtained by calling 1-888-446-5157.

If You No Longer Own This Refrigerator:

If you are no longer the owner of the affected refrigerator, we would greatly appreciate you furnishing us with the name and address of the new owner by calling 1-888-446-5157.

You May Receive More Than One Mailing In Regards To The Recall:

To reach as many customers as possible, Dometic and the original manufacturer of your RV will each send notifications in regards to this recall. Be advised that though you may receive multiple notifications, all pertain to this same, single recall.

On a Personal Note:

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We are continually committed to developing innovative products to meet your needs and enhance your RV travels, keeping your safety at the top of our priority list.

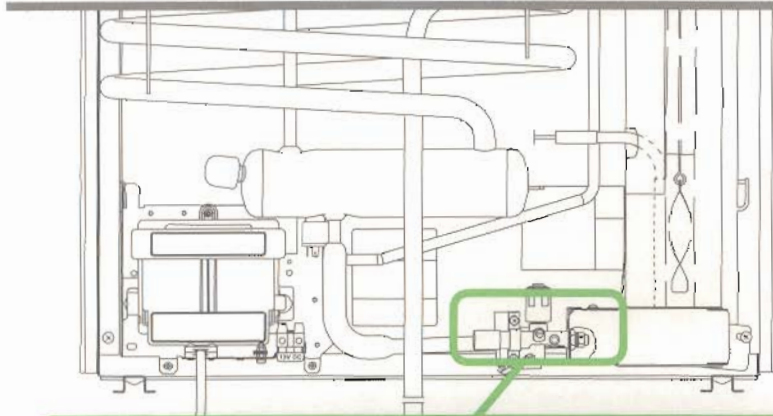
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Where to find the serial and model numbers on your Dometic refrigerator

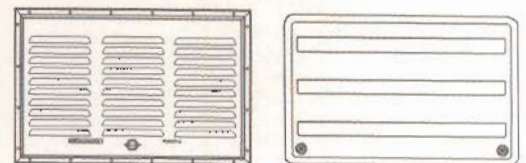
The serial and model numbers are both located on a sticker inside the fridge door. *It could be on either side of the interior.*

Remember, the model number starts with RM or NDR, and the serial number is 8 digits long.



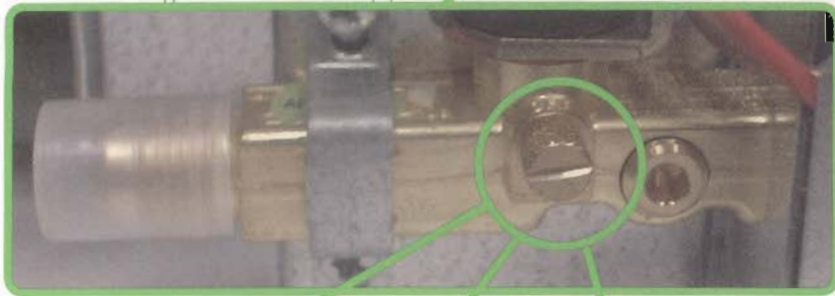
How to close the gas valve on your Dometic refrigerator

The manual gas valve is located at the back of your refrigerator near the floor as seen in the diagram to the left. Access the back of your refrigerator by removing the vent on the side of your coach. The vent will look like one of the two following illustrations:



The gas valve is opened and closed by adjusting a screw. To close the valve, use either your fingers or a flat-head screwdriver to turn the screw 1/4 turn clockwise.

The valve is closed if the flathead slot in the screw runs up and down. The valve is still open if the flathead slot in the screw runs side to side.



Open



Turn Clockwise



Closed